(b) whether it is a fact, that Government agreed to provide the Government of Andhra Pradesh with 2 Mbps, band-Width; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Deptt. of Telecom Services(DTS) received the request on 24-11-1999. In reply to this DTS advised the Andhra Pradesh Govt. on 15-12-99 to forward their application in this regard along with necessary technical details for examining the feasibility of network. TDS has not yet received any reply or application/technical details from A.P. Govt. for examining the same.

(d) and (e) 2Mbps band-width on terrestrial media e.g. optical fibre cable system has been provided from Hyderabad to district headquarters of Andhra Pradesh.

Jhuggi surrounding Alaknanda Complex

*594 SHRI S.AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are number of Jhuggis clusters in Alaknanda Complex which are fast multiplying as a result of which the atmosphere of entire area has become polluted and sanitation hazard;

(b) whether steps are being taken to clear these illegal encroachments and to provide relief to the residents of Alaknanda;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes , Sir.

(b) to (d) A drive has been launched to relocate the slums and resettle them at the appropriate areas for which lands have to be acquired and developed. Therefore, no time frame can be indicated at this stage. Every effort is being made to intensify the drive to ensure land development of Delhi and relocate squatters at the appropriate site, at the earliest.